

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 06 Apr 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 07 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 06 Apr 2022 at 02:23 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for trend to colder with some snow showers, a mostly dry start to the weekend and then going downhill later on Sunday. Lower for shower detail.

Headline for Wednesday 06 Apr 2022: Bright spells and showers, snow on the higher hills. Some sunny intervals, mainly in east.. Strong southwest winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 06 Apr 2022

Blizzards

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	60%	50%	60%	40%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 06 Apr 2022

Weather: Occasional showers and a few bright or sunny intervals mainly in shelter. The showers will fall as snow above 800m but to lower levels in the late afternoon and evening, possibly down to around 400m. More persistent rain and snow may reach the Sutherland Hills during the evening with blizzards developing towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, perhaps improving 40% in north for a time.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken, occasionally overcast cloud 600-900m falling 500m in showers, a few lower patches in west. Some breaks mainly in shelter in afternoon. Poor visibility below cloud in showers but mainly good between them. Low cloud below 300m reaching the far north later in the evening.

Forecast for Wednesday 06 Apr 2022

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	34/41 SW	31/38 SW	31/39 SW	27/35 SW	13/17 S	15/20 NE	34/42 NE
900	33/39 SW	29/37 SW	30/38 SW	26/33 SW	12/17 S	14/19 NE	31/40 NE
600	23/29 SW	21/29 SW	22/30 SW	20/27 SW	10/14 S	10/15 NE	20/29 NE
300	6/29 SW	7/28 SW	8/28 SW	8/26 SW	5/14 SE	5/17 NE	11/32 NE
Glen	12/25 SW	12/23 SW	12/24 SW	11/22 SW	7/13 SE	7/16 NE	17/32 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-8	-3/-9	-4/-14
900	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-7	-2/-8	-4/-12
600	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	1/-3	0/-4	-1/-8
300	4/2	4/2	5/2	4/2	3/1	2/0	1/-4
Glen	6/3	7/3	8/4	7/4	6/4	5/3	4/-1
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	900m	800m	600m	600m	300m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Nothing to add

Forecast for Thursday 07 Apr 2022

Weather: Rather cloudy morning with showers or longer spells of snow, rain below 300m, blizzard conditions. Some sunny intervals in the afternoon but still a few hail or snow showers, with rain at low levels.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 40 gusts 55mph easing 25 gusts 35mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, increasing 50% in afternoon and 80% in evening, chances always greater in the south

Low cloud and visibility: Broken to overcast cloud 500-700m at first, perhaps 300m in the far north, becoming more broken bases lifting 750m or above. Occasionally poor visibility in showers but away from these visibility becoming very good in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius, rising to Plus 7 in afternoon sunshine, falling near zero by midnight.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius, falling Minus 5 by midnight.
Freezing level: 450m, falling to all levels by midnight.